

*Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln No.: 09/983,057
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REMARKS

Claims 5-8, 11-26 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, rejected claims 1, 3, 4, and 10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Objected claims 15-16 and 21-26 have been rewritten in independent form and are thus allowable. Claim 17, which depends from claim 16, is allowable at least by virtue of its dependency.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

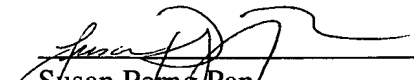
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